

Corpus Christi Parish

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February 16, 2020

Ash Wednesday Wednesday, February 26

Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. On this day ashes are blessed and used to mark the heads of the faithful as a sign of penance. Ashes are a poignant reminder that our bodies will die someday and turn to dust. "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust" is said at the cemetery when the body is ready for burial, so ashes on Ash Wednesday are religious reminders, just like holy water and palms on Palm Sunday. Ashes remind us of our mortality and the need for repentance. The words spoken as the ashes are imposed on the forehead are: Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return.

Parish Celebrations of Ash Wednesday

Liturgy of the Word with Distribution of Ashes

7:00AM St. John

Masses

8:00AM St. John 12:15PM Notre Dame

4:30PM Colby 6:00PM St. John

Fast & Abstinence During Lent

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence (from meat) in the universal Church. All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence (from meat) in the Church in the United States.

The Law of Abstinence (from meat) applies to Catholics aged 14 and older.

The Law of Fasting applies to Catholics aged 18 through age 59 (ending on the 60th birthday).



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all
that you vow." - Mt 5:33

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MASS SCHEDULE

Notre Dame du Perpetuel Secours

116 Silver St. Waterville

Saturday 4:00 & 6:00PM Sunday 9:00 & 10:30AM Tuesday/Thursday 12:15PM

St. John the Baptist

26 Monument St. Winslow

Saturday 4:00PM Sunday 7:30 & 10:00AM Monday/Wednesday/Friday 8:00AM

Parish Information

Mass Times & Intentions

MONDAY	Feb. 17, 2020
8:00 AM SJ	Mary Ayoob by Martha Patterson and Sadie Anne Bernard
1:45 Oak Grove	Sr. Cecile Chagnon by David and Penny LaPlante
TUESDAY	Feb. 18, 2020
12:15 PM ND	Louise Chipolle by Anne and Jerome
WEDNESDAY	Feb. 19, 2020
8:00 AM SJ	Christine (Mitchell) Reynolds by Lillian Martin
THURSDAY	Feb. 20, 2020
12:15 PM ND	Jacqueline Vigue by Helen Purnell, Susan Lagasse
FRIDAY	Feb 21, 2020
8:00 AM SJ	Connie Ouellette by Jeanne Gagnon
SATURDAY	Feb. 22, 2020
4:00 PM ND	June Cote by David and Meredith
4:00 PM SJ	Gregg Knight by his family
6:00 PM ND	Clement Boulette by wife, Della
SUNDAY	Feb. 23, 2020
7:30 AM SJ	Donn Wolfe, Francois and Florence Poulin by Lucette
9:00 AM ND	Anne Duval (1st Ann.) by Betty DeBlois and family
10:00 AM SJ	Morris (Moe) G. Dyer by Janet McHenry
10:30 AM ND	Lorraine Dufour by Ray Cyr
12:30 PM ND	Spanish Mass
4:30 PM CC	Parishioners of Corpus Christi Parish

Please remember in your prayers

Pamela Powning, died Jan. 31, funeral Feb. 29

Sanctuary Candle

In thanksgiving by a parishioner (SJ)

Keep in Your Prayers

Please remember Shawn Pooler

May God's healing touch come down upon our brothers and sisters in faith.

Please call the Parish Office to be included in our Prayer Line.

Nursing Home Mass Schedule All Masses at 1:45PM

1st Monday, each month at Lakewood, Waterville
3rd Monday, each month at Oak Grove, Waterville
4th Monday, each month at Woodlands, Waterville

Parish Mission Statement



The Mission of Corpus Christi Parish is to share our gifts as the body of Christ through Liturgy, Outreach and Education.

Sacramental Information

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays, 3:00PM at St. John Church, Winslow and Notre Dame Church, Waterville

Sacrament of Baptism

Families who would like to have their child baptized need to attend our Baptism Preparation Program. Classes are offered on the last Tuesday of most months.

Registration is required, please call the parish office.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples should make arrangements by calling the parish office at least 6 months prior to the wedding date and before making reception plans.

Anointing of the Sick

Anyone wishing to receive the Sacrament of the Sick is asked to call the parish office. If you or a loved one are admitted to MaineGeneral Medical Center please contact the Hospital Chaplain's Office. If you are at Inland Hospital please call the parish office.

Eucharistic Adoration

Fridays 7:00-7:45AM St. John Church

The Week Ahead

Sun., Feb. 16	10:00AM ND	Coffee Hour
	1:00PM ND	Secular Franciscans
	5:00PM SJ	AA Meeting
Mon., Feb. 17	<i>Parish Office Closed for President's Day</i>	
	2:00PM ND	Prayer Group
	7:00PM SH	KC #341 Meeting
Tues., Feb. 18	7:00PM FFC	Al-Anon
Fri., Feb. 21	7:00AM SJ	Adoration/Confessions
	8:00PM FFC	Young Adult Ministry Gathering
Sun., Feb. 23	10:00AM ND	Coffee Hour
	3:00PM ND	Family Life
	5:00PM SJ	AA Meeting

Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Mon., Feb. 17 in observance of President's Day.

Gospel Meditation

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

People are not property. We cannot exchange them at will or simply use them for our own designs and purposes. What does the word “commitment” mean to you? We can begin to understand its meaning by looking at some synonyms: dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, and bond. Commitment is primarily about relationship, and Jesus is all about relationships. How our lives affect others, how we treat our brothers and sisters, how we resolve conflict, and how we view the vows of marriage. Jesus’ teachings on obeying the commandments, murder, reconciliation, marriage, divorce, and adultery all stem from the sacredness of commitment. All of this has a God connection.

We can easily see one another as interchangeable and dispensable. We treat so much of our lives this way. What works today may not be what I want tomorrow. We search and search for the right thing only to find our hearts still restless in the end. Is real happiness achievable this side of the grave? Sometimes we expect too much out of others and want our relationships to fill a hole that we must figure out how to fill ourselves. Any seasoned married couple will tell you that their love for one another changes as time passes. Even though the understanding of romance changes as life changes, the dedication, devotion, allegiance, loyalty, faithfulness, and fidelity all remain and even deepen.

Some relationships can be hurtful, and God does not want us to live with abuse or pain. Also, how a relationship develops is sometimes out of our control, and we become the victim of someone else’s decision. But we can’t be self-focused in our relationships and see them exclusively as self-fulfilling ends. We are companions on life’s journey with varying depths of relationships being enjoyed by all who are with us along the way. We have the freedom to choose. God asks us to do so wisely, with right judgment and thinking.

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Question for Adults - How do you reconcile with those who have offended or hurt you?

Question for Kids - When have you taken the first step to make up with someone who has hurt you or whom you have offended?

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Readings for the Week

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 [1b]/1 Cor 2:6-10/Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

Monday: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 [77a]/Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 [12a]/Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [1b]/Mk 8:22-26

Thursday: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [7a]/Mk 8:27-33

Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 1b]/Mk 8:34—9:1

Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4/Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 16:13-19

Next Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

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2019 Contribution Tax Letter

Parishioners needing a letter containing their 2019 contributions must CALL the parish office and make this request. This information is not automatically generated and mailed out. Please have your envelope number available when you call.

Please Keep Us Updated

Have a new name/address/phone number or email? Want to receive offertory envelopes? Please keep the parish updated with your current information by calling or dropping by the parish office at 872-2281 or 70 Pleasant St., Waterville, ME 04901

Stewardship of Treasure

Offertory for Feb. 9 - \$13,766.75

Average weekly offertory to date - \$15,937.35

Our budget is based on a weekly average offertory of - \$15,570.15

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Corpus Christi Parish

**will be participating in a parish-wide survey
*We Need Your Help!***

The 10-15 minute survey will be conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute from Mar. 8-29. It will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on the parish’s efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to our parish leadership and various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

Survey forms will be available at all Masses.

Thank you for helping with this important process!

Reading God’s Word

Reading God’s Word books with daily and Sunday Mass readings are available at the Parish Office for \$16.00 each.

In Our Parish and Diocese

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION & JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

Classes are held at the Faith Formation Center attached to St. John Catholic School, September-May.

Faith Formation Schedule

Grades K-5

Sunday 8:30-9:45AM

Faith Formation Center

Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Apr. 5

May 3, 10, 17

Family Life

Sunday 3:00-5:00PM

Notre Dame

Feb. 23

Apr. 19

Grades K-5

Monday 3:30-5:00PM

Faith Formation Center

Mar. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Apr. 6

May 4, 11, 18

Junior High Ministry

Sunday 6:00-8:00PM

Faith Formation Center

Feb. 23 Mar. 8, 22

Apr. 5, 26 May 3, 10

New Mass Resource for Families!

To help your children more fully engage in the Mass and understand the Gospel reading, weekly journaling pages and crayons will be provided at each church. You can pick them up on your way in, along with your bulletin. Each week the coloring picture, note-taking prompt, and activity is taken directly from the Gospel reading. Our aim is to help your child engage more fully mind and heart into the Mass. Let us know how they like it! For other Faith Formation resources for your family contact daja.gombojav@portlanddiocese.org.

Family Life: LENT EDITION!

Faith Formation invites you to Family Life: LENT EDITION, Sun., Feb. 23, 3-5PM at Notre Dame parish hall. This event is open to everyone, even if you don't have a child enrolled in faith formation. Come explore our Faith as we look at ways to fully live this Lent, walking with Jesus! There will be good eats and activities for the kids. FMI: daja.gombojav@portlanddiocese.org.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Sunday Evenings 6:00 - 8:00PM

Youth Ministry Room on the 2nd Floor at St. John School
(enter by the Grotto)

**High School Students: join us for food, fun and faith.
Come as often as you can, or only come once in a while.**

Sew for a Cause

Do you like helping others? Come and join us!

Mar. 5 & 19 10AM-4PM



St. Bridget Center
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SENIOR MINISTRY

Ministry to, for and by our
Corpus Christi Senior Parishioners

Senior Club

2nd Tuesday of the month after the 12:15PM Mass.
Gather in the hall at Notre Dame for coffee, tea & cookies.

Tues., Mar. 10 - Footprints of the Sisters of St. Joseph in
Maine with Sr. Janet Gagnon

*Learn about the origin of the Sisters mission in
Maine and the influence they have had on our state.*

Attention young adults! (18-30 years old)

Come join us for a time of conversation, laughter,
and prayer! 8:00PM on Feb. 21 at the Faith
Formation Center. (17 S Garand St, Winslow)
Take time to get to know other Catholic
young adults and explore your faith.

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Throw-back Thursday!

Do you have any old photos from Corpus Christi parish?
Even ones that go way back to before we were Corpus
Christi Parish? We want to feature them on Thursdays on
our parish Instagram, Facebook and website. Share your
memories and let's celebrate our beautiful Catholic culture
here in central Maine! Bring pictures to the parish office or
email them to daja.gombojav@portlanddiocese.org (be sure
to get permission from anyone in the pictures). And be sure
to follow the parish on social media.

Corpus Christi Parish on Social Media!

Visit our parish website at:

www.corpuschristimaine.org

Our easy to navigate website is your source for Mass times,
ministry schedules, Mass readings and daily prayers,
Catholic resources, videos and so much more.

Like us on facebook at:

[https://www.facebook.com/
CorpusChristiMaine](https://www.facebook.com/CorpusChristiMaine)

View photos, videos and get inspired through
fellowship with other parishioners!



Parish Instagram Account

Corpus Christi Parish is now on
Instagram. Find us at: [@corpuschristimaine](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristimaine)

Access us on a computer by visiting: [https://
www.instagram.com/corpuschristimaine/](https://www.instagram.com/corpuschristimaine/)



Download Our Parish App!

Our Corpus Christi app is available to download
for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay
connected throughout the week with instant
notifications. Enjoy a bunch of additional features like
prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your
phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.



In Our Parish and Diocese

Eucharistic Adoration

"I maintain my personal prayer life by committed weekly adoration," says Lorraine Hess, composer, recording artist and music minister of New Orleans, LA.

It gives her stability in prayer and helps in spiritual growth. Could it do the same for you?

The Blessed Sacrament Chapel, 101 Silver St. in Waterville has Eucharistic Exposition from 8AM-6PM seven days per week. Call Sr. Kay Kay at 872-7072 to set up your hour or half-hour of Adoration.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From Feb. 26 through Apr. 5, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life - 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Maine Family Planning in Augusta, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information, and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Judy Icenogle, 872-6558, ricejuice@twc.com More details can be found on www.40daysforlife.com/augusta-maine.

Vassalboro Ministry Association Fuel Fund Annual Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Sat. Feb. 29 4:30-6:00PM

Vassalboro Methodist Church 614 Main St. Vassalboro
Adults \$8 Kids 12 & under \$4 Under 4 free
50/50 raffle during dinner

Spaghetti, garlic bread, salad, tea,
coffee & homemade pies!

*Join your neighbors helping
neighbors get through the cold winter
season by joining us for food and fun!*



The Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services Invites You to Volunteer!

Our volunteers assist in a variety of ways: cooking and serving meals, providing enrichment activities for our children, helping in maintaining our facility and many additional services.

Please help us fulfill the Mid-Maine Homeless Shelter & Services' mission of Ending Homelessness in Maine one person, one family and one child at a time by joining our volunteer force.

For more information contact Catherine Haskell at 692-3394 or catherinh@shelterme.org.

You will love being part of our community!

RETIRED?

Don't let that slow you down!

Help a homebound senior by investing a few hours a week through a friendly visit, a ride to the grocery store, or a phone call. If you are interested in becoming a **volunteer** or FMI please contact the SEARCH program- Lynn Kidd (207)530-0137 or lkidd@ccmaine.org.



Secular Franciscans

Do you feel you sometimes are in a spiritual desert?

The Holy Spirit may be tugging at your heart to explore how Secular Franciscans follow in St. Francis' footsteps to bring Christ into their lives and community.

We welcome you to join us Sun., Feb. 16 from 1:00-3:00 PM in Notre Dame Hall for prayer, formation, fellowship and food!

Kindly call Kay Spofford, OFS, 872-6919 if you would like more information.



Vocations

"Be holy, for I, the LORD your God, am holy." Is your vocation to holiness to be lived out as a priest or in the consecrated life?

Contact: Fr. Seamus Griesbach 207-773-6471

Email: seamus.griesbach@portlanddiocese.org

Website: www.portlanddiocese.org/vocations

Our Parish has Mass in Spanish!

The next Mass in Spanish will be celebrated on Sun, Feb. 23, 12:15PM at Notre Dame Church. There will be Mass in Spanish every 2nd & 4th Sun., at 12:15PM, at Notre Dame.

Maine Catholic Women's Conference March 21 Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland

It is mercy I desire, not sacrifice

Keynote speaker: Liz Kelly

The Maine Catholic Women's Conference is set for Sat., Mar. 21, from 8:30AM to 5PM at the Holiday Inn by the Bay in Portland. Registration is now open at www.portlanddiocese.org/mcwc2020. The conference will feature Mass with Bishop Robert P. Deeley, dynamic presentations, Eucharistic adoration, and displays from vendors and exhibitors.

*Gather with other women of faith to celebrate being
Catholic and to be renewed in the graces of
forgiveness and mercy that God provides*

Admission is \$65 (\$59 if tickets are purchased prior to Feb. 21). Students can register for \$40 (ages 16 to 23). The admission fee includes continental breakfast and lunch.